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SUBJ: RHODESIA: YOUNG MEETING WITH NKOMO

1. ON MARCH 7 AMBASSADORS YOUNG AND MCHENRY HAD A BREAKFAST MEETING WITH JOSHUA NKOMO, GEORGE SILUNDIKA AND COLISTUS NDLOVA. YOUNG ATTEMPTED TO SUMMARIZE THE DEVELOPMENTS THAT CULMINATED IN THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSIONS IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING RHODESIA. HE ASKED IF NKOMO WAS GOING TO BE IN THE US LONG ENOUGH FOR POSSIBLE RHODESIAN PROXIMITY TALKS IN WHICH THE UK AND THE US MIGHT BE ABLE TO ADVANCE DISCUSSIONS OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSAL.

2. SILUNDIKA STATED THAT ZAPU BELIEVED IT IMPORTANT TO FIRST DISPENSE WITH THE WORK OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL SHOULD DEMONSTRATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT THE SO-CALLED INTERNAL SETTLEMENT WAS A FARCE AND ASK
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GENERAL PREM CHAND TO REPORT ON HIS MISSION. AFTER SUCH SECURITY COUNCIL ACTIONS THE UK AND THE US COULD PICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF IN MALTA. NKOMO STATED THAT HE COULD ONLY BE IN THE US THROUGH THURSDAY.

3. IN THE COURSE OF DISCUSSION NKOMO MADE IT CLEAR THAT ANY DISCUSSIONS MUST PROCEED ON THE BASIS OF THE

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PROPOSALS AND NOT ON THE BASIS OF THE "ACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS" OF THE INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS AS HE BELIEVED THE UK WISHED.

4. AMB. MCHENRY STATED THAT THESE APPROACHES WERE NOT MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE AND THERE WAS NO REASON WHY THESE APPROACHES COULD NOT COINCIDE AND THUS ASSURE THAT ALL PARTIES PARTICIPATE.

5. NKOMO AGAIN DISCUSSED THE SITUATION REGARDING THE POLICE AFTER A CEASEFIRE. THE CURRENT FIGHTING WAS AGAINST THE ARMED FORCES AND THE POLICE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CONFINEMENT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES TO BARRACKS ALLOWED FOR INTIMIDATION BY THE POLICE OR AT LEAST THE IMPRESSION THAT SMITH, THROUGH THE POLICE, WAS STILL IN CONTROL. HE BELIEVED THAT THIS IMPRESSION WOULD AFFECT THE POPULATION'S POLITICAL ATTITUDES. IN NKOMO'S VIEW THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES SHOULD EITHER BE INTEGRATED INTO THE POLICE OR ALLOWED PARALLEL POLICE FUNCTIONS.

6. AS AMBASSADOR LOW REPORTED FROM LUSAKA ON SUNDAY, NKOMO IS IN A CONCILIATORY MOOD AND IS PROBABLY DESIROUS OF DISCUSSION FOLLOWING THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING THAT WOULD ADVANCE THE UK/US PROPOSAL. CLEARLY, HOWEVER, NKOMO'S APPROACH TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING PRESENTS CONFIDENTIAL

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US WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. HE HOPES THE COUNCIL WILL LINE UP WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AGAINST THE "INTERNAL SETTLEMENT," AND SUPPORT NEGOTIATION BETWEEN THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE UK. ONLY AFTER AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED WITH THE PF WOULD THE INTERNAL NATIONALISTS, WHO NOW MUST BE CONSIDERED A PART OF SMITH'S SIDE, BE INCLUDED. YOUNG

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